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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

HIROTOSHI ISHIDA ET AL

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FOR: GRANULAR SWEETENER

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 4. (New) The granulated sweetener according to Claim 1, wherein said granulated sweetener exhibits a rate of dissolution in water which is greater than that exhibited by granules of Aspartame alone.
- 5. (New) The granulated sweetener according to Claim 1, wherein said granulated sweetener exhibits a rate of dissolution in water which is greater than that exhibited by a

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment (w/attached Marked-Up Copy) in the above-identified application.

additional fee is required all entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

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